

By Recd PCT/P10 12 JUN 1997

#5A  
LBNR  
10/29/97  
PATENT

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 08269/003001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Arne Helge Deggerdal et al. Art Unit:  
Serial No.: Examiner:  
Filed : June 12, 1997  
Title : ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACID  
National Phase of PCT/GB95/02893

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-captioned application  
preliminarily as set forth below.

In the claims:

*SAC* ~~5. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of  
claims 1 to 4] claim 1, further comprising one or more additional  
steps to disrupt structural components in the sample or to  
achieve lysis of cells in the sample.~~

*AM* ~~6. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of  
claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the detergent is anionic.~~

*AM* ~~8. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of  
claims 1 to 7] claim 1, wherein the concentration of detergent is  
0.2 to 30% (w/v).~~

"EXPRESS MAIL" Mailing Label Number EM 529139132 US

Date of Deposit 6/12/97  
I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.10 that this correspondence is being  
deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail  
Post Office To Addressee" with sufficient postage on the date  
indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for  
Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Robert Plunk  
Robert Plunk